

SALINA HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
--MEETING MINUTES--
Meeting Room 105
October 10, 2006

Commissioners Present:

Brenda Faram Richard Frye
Sidney Gray Arthur Jordan
Jan Mendell David Norlin
Maribel Panuco

Commissioners Absent

Sharon Kibbe Gina McDonald

Staff Present

Kaye Crawford, Director
Sandra Beverly, Equal Opportunity Specialist
Dina Giron, Human Relations Specialist
Kat Livingood, Office Manager

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Vice Chairman Richard Frye called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm, and requested Ms Livingood take roll call.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Vice Chairman Richard Frye called for approval of the agenda as written. Commissioner Jan Mendell motioned approval of the agenda and it was seconded by Commissioner Sidney Gray. The motion carried by vote of the full commission.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Vice Chairman Richard Frye called for approval of the minutes for the September 2006 meeting. Commissioner David Norlin made motion to approve the minutes as written, and Commissioner Jan Mendell seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the full commission.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

League of Kansas Municipalities:

Director Crawford gave a brief overview of the speakers and presentations that she enjoyed at the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference, held October 8 through 10, in Topeka. She shared that there were several interesting presentations on Immigration, population trends, and Stever Hawley spoke on space exploration. She reported that the KHRA held a roundtable on "*Why Cities Should Have Human Relations Commissions*". Sharon Olmstead presided.

City of Salina Commission Notebooks:

The Director went through the contents of the notebooks issued by the City Manager's Office covering the different citizen commissions that are a part of the City of Salina municipal government. She then went over the materials that pertain strictly to the Human Relations Commission that were put in the front of the binder. Richard Frye opined that revisions to the current notebook are needed to address the attendance policy. Commissioner requests and suggestions included Commissioner Fry's request for the issuance of identification showing a citizen was in the 'employ' of the city of Salina; Commissioner Jordan's request for clarification of the 'commissioner examination' process; and Commissioner Norlin's request for clarification of the fact-finding conference and the award of 'pain and suffering'. Director Crawford answered those questions and asked that any other questions be written and submitted to her.

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OLD BUSINESS

Employment Seminar 2006:

Sandra Beverly went over the program preparations for the Employment Seminar that will be held November 15th at the Bicentennial Center. All commissioners were invited to attend.

National Hispanic Heritage Celebration:

Dina Giron gave a report on the Celebration that was held September 16th at Sunset Park. She projected pictures taken at the event that were taken by staff, showing the attractions and informational tables for those organizations who participated. She reported that an estimate of 1,100 people attended. The Comité Orgullo Hispano de Salina have produced an income statement for the event showing that they spent nearly exactly what they took in, and that they had voted to start work now on next year's Celebration. They feel that with all they learned this time, the next one will go much smoother.

Citizen's Advisory Committee:

Commissioner Frye reported that he visited with Police Chief Hill, and that he was again given to understand that a meeting will be held, and that he and Commissioner Faram would be contacted via email prior to the meeting.

Commissioner Training on ADA:

Kaye advised the commission members that she will be talking to Gina McDonald regarding giving ADA training to the basic tenets of disability as it relates to housing and employment. Commissioner Grey offered that if Commissioner McDonald could not do so, she could provide names of people also qualified to give this training.

DOCKET LOG:

Sandra Beverly went over one case that remained on the docket log with the commission.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandra Beverly reminded the Commission that the NAACP Block Party would be held October 21st, at Carver Center, and that there will be a Health Fair at Brown-Mackie College that morning. Both events are free and open to the public.

Dina Giron explained there were free tickets for Commissioners for Tuesday, October 24th, to see Ballet Gran Folklorico de Mexico's performance at the Stiefel Theatre.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to discuss, motion was made by Commissioner Maribel Panuco for adjournment, and seconded by Commissioner Jan Mendell. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Richard Frye, Vice Chairman

Kaye J. Crawford, Secretary